

Unique Identification (UID) of Items - Issues

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UID Timeline



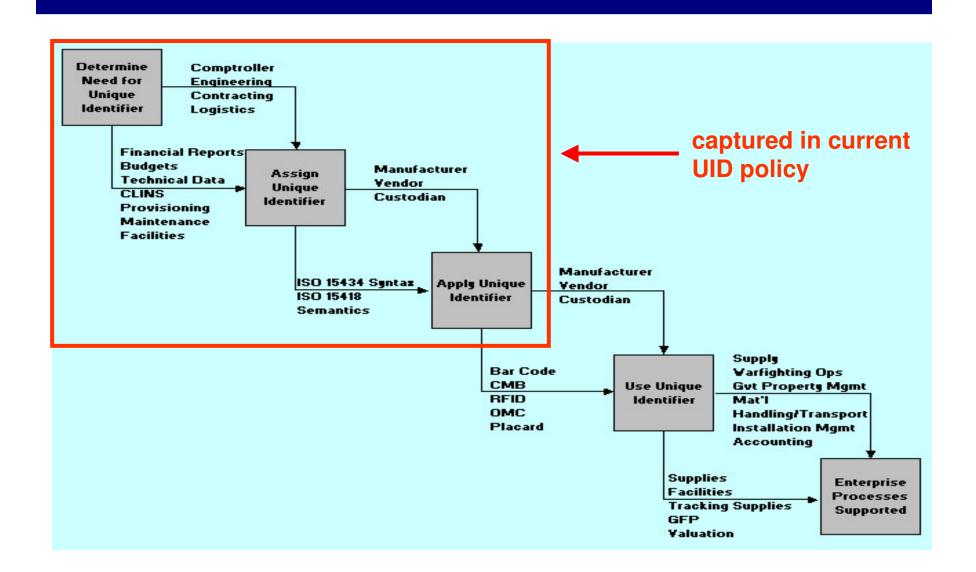
 UID policy issued (effective 1 Jan 04) 	29 Jul 03
 DFARS Rule published in Federal Register 	10 Oct 03
UID policy revision #1	26 Nov 03
UID policy revision #2	22 Dec 03
Comments closed on revision #2	1 Mar 04
Final DFARS Rule	Jul 04
 UID policy on marking in-service parts 	Sep 04
 UID requirements applicable to GFP 	1 Jan 05

Meanwhile, UID policy continues to evolve...



UID Interface Flow







Some UID Issues



- Overall, cost of UID is still an unknown
 - Cost of changing drawings, tech orders, work specifications
 - Costs to develop data system interfaces for end item tracking
 - Material support costs associated with shipping, storage, disposal
- Judgment criteria to add UID to existing contract(s)
 - How and when to make the call
- DoD "Requirements Creep" into FAR Part 12 buys
- How to mark surplus items
- Impact on delivery schedules
- Education of workforce still moving at slow pace



Additional UID Issues



- Two interim rules published so far
 - Final rule expected in Jul 04
 - We don't know what the final rule will contain
- Handling of classified items
 - A classified registry won't work for all classified items
 - How will data submittal process differ from unclassified
- Handling of FMS items
 - Not all countries have decided to participate in UID
 - Funding impacts not easily accommodated
- Requirement to mark component parts within an item
 - How far down to implement UID
 - How and when to make the call





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